POWER in MUSIC
What is “power”?
The ability to act or produce an effect
Possession of control, authority, or influence
How does music represent “power”?

How is music “powerful”?
* Subject matter
* Large Ensembles
* Brass/Percussion
* Choruses
* Loud Dynamics
* Crescendos
* Visual Splendor
* Sound EFX
CARL ORFF (1895-1982)
“O Fortuna”
Carmina Burana
(1935-36)

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Carmina Burana
[Songs of Beuren]
24 Latin poems from eleventh-thirteenth centuries
Carmina Burana poetry by the GOLIARDS
They wrote about...

Love, Sex, Drinking, Eating, & and their BAD LUCK
One of the most famous Goliard manuscripts is the *Carmina Burana* written around 1230.
Illumination of a forest from the Carmina Burana manuscript
In 1934 the composer CARL ORFF read the Carmina and set 24 of poems for soloists, chorus, and orchestra.
Carl Orff
The original performances were **staged** with sets, costumes, and dancing.
Orff sets the work in 5 sections

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“O Fortuna”
First movement introduction—
Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi
“O Fortuna”

First movement introduction—

Fortune, Empress of the World
Wheel of Fortune
O Fortuna
velut luna
statu variabilis,
semper crescis
aut decrescis;
vita detestabilis
nunc obdurat
et tunc curat
ludo mentis aciem,
egestatem,
potestatem
dissolvit ut glaciem

O Fortune,
like the moon
you are changeable,
ever waxing
and waning;
detestable life
that first oppresses
and then soothes
as fancy takes it;
poverty
and power,
you melt them like ice.
* Large Orchestra
* Large Chorus
* Driving Ostinato
* Crescendo
* Theatrically staged
* Delay of Tonic
* Minor to Major
Carl Orff, “O Fortuna”
Carmina Burana (1935)
UC Davis University Chorus and Symphony, dir. Jeffrey Thomas
Excalibur (1981), dir. John Boorman
Carlton Draught Beer Ad (2005)
George Patterson Partners
Hershey’s Spreads Commercial
FamishedMammal, “O Fortuna Misheard Lyrics”
PIECES to KNOW

TERMS to KNOW
--Goliard
--Songs of Beuren
--Ostinato